## MINIMUM SIZE FOR EMERGENCY ESCAPE AND RESCUE WINDOWS

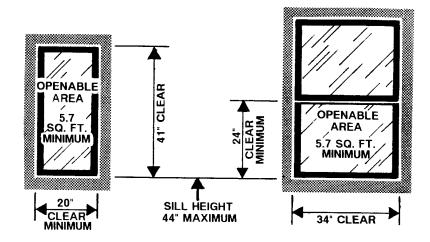


**Building Inspections** 

The Minnesota State Building Code and Richfield City Code provide minimum standards for creating an environment of health and safety for all Richfield residents.

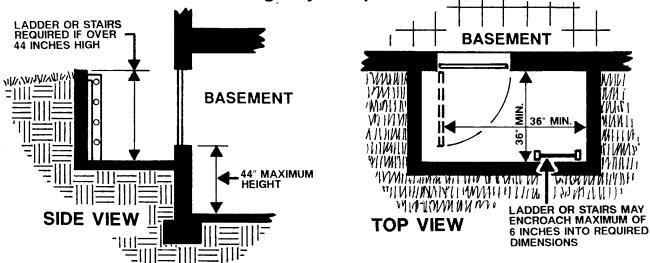
## **Permits required**

A building permit is required for replacing or installing new windows.



Where emergency escape and rescue openings are provided they shall have a sill height of not more than 44 inches measured from finished floor to the bottom of the clear opening. Minimum net clear opening width shall be 20 inches, minimum net clear opening height shall be 24 inches and factored to meet net clear opening of 5.7 square feet. Grade floor openings shall have a net clear opening of 5 square feet. Openings shall open into a yard or public way.

Basement window well for emergency escape and rescue windows



This handout is written as a guide to common questions and problems.

It is not intended nor shall it be considered a complete set of requirements.

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